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TO AMEMBASSY TANANARIVE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: OIL COMPANY NATIONALIZATIONS: ESSO CLAIM

REF: (A) TANANARIVE 1652, (B) STATE 249385

1. SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL PASSED TO ESSO-AFRICA'S VASTOLE IN LONDON.

2. VASTOLA CLARIFIED THAT ROOT IS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA NOW. ORIGINALLY, VASTOLA HAD IN MIND APPROPRIATE APPOINTMENTS FOR ROOT ONLY. HOWEVER, VASTOLA IS PREPARED TO GO TO MADAGASCAR AS WELL, IF APPROPRIATE APPOINTMENTS CAN BE ARRANGED AND IF THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT ROOT'S PRESENCE WITHOUT VASTOLA WOULD BE A PROBLEM. REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE EMBASSY CAN OBTAIN APPOINTMENTS TO COINCIDE WITH ROOT'S CURRENT AFRICA TRIP, ESSO-AFRICA WOULD BE PREPARED TO SEND VASTOLA OR ROOT, OR BOTH TO MADAGASCAR AT ANY TIME, IF EMBASSY CAN OBTAIN APPOINTMENTS.

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3. VASTOLA WAS SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT RABEARIVELO MAY LOSE HIS POSITION IN SOLIMA. RABEARIVELO WAS THOUGHT TO BE

EXTREMELY INFLUENTIAL IN DECISIONS RELATING TO THE PETROLEUM NATIONALIZATIONS. (DEPT. NOTES THAT TANANARIVE 1144 SHARED

OPINION.) VASTOLA ADDED THAT IF THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT THERE ARE KEY OFFICIALS, IN ADDITION TO RARISOVAN, WHO WOULD PLAY A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN DECISIONS ON THIS ISSUE, IT MAY, AT ITS DESCRETION, REQUEST APPOINTMENTS ON BEHALF OF ESSO-AFRICA.

4. ESSO-AFRICA APPRECIATES THE DIFFICULTY THAT THE EMBASSY IS EXPERIENCING IN OBTAINING APPROPRIATE APPOINTMENTS AND IS GRATEFUL FOR THE EMBASSY'S EFFORTS. KISSINGER

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